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| <u>Alan M. Webb</u> | : | Group Art No.: 2127 |
| <u>Serial No. 09/741,582</u> | : | Examiner: M. Banankhah |
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| <u>Title: VIRTUAL MACHINE WITH REINITIALISATION</u> | : | |

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003 for the above-identified patent application, Applicant submits a Petition for Extension of Time, the petition fee, and the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 11.